

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: )  
MICHAEL D. ALMADA, ) Chapter 7  
                        ) Case No. 15-42131  
                        ) Hon. Jacqueline P. Cox  
                        ) Hearing Date: Thurs., October 12, 2017  
Debtor.                 ) @ 9:30 a.m.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that **Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as may be possible, we shall appear before the Honorable Jacqueline P. Cox or any other Judge sitting in her stead, in **Courtroom 680**, of the Dirksen Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn, in Chicago, Illinois, and shall then and there present the attached **Application of Trustee's for Authorization to Pay Compensation to Trustee's Accountants**, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

/s/ Norman B. Newman

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Norman B. Newman, Trustee for the bankruptcy estate  
of Michael Almada

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Norman B. Newman, an attorney, hereby certifies that on September 14, 2017, he electronically filed this Application for Compensation with the Clerk of the Court via the Court's CM/ECF system which will send electronic notification to those individual registered to receive notice.

/s/Norman B. Newman

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**APPLICATION OF TRUSTEE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PAY FINAL  
COMPENSATION TO TRUSTEE'S ACCOUNTANTS**

Norman B. Newman, Trustee herein (the "Trustee"), moves this Court for authorization to pay Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd., ("Miller Cooper") the Trustee's accountants, final compensation under §§330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016. In support of his motion, the Trustee respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 14, 2015, Michael D. Almada, (the "Debtor"), filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
2. On February 21, 2017, this Court entered an Order authorizing the Trustee to employ Miller Cooper as accountants for the Trustee. The Trustee was also authorized to pay Miller Cooper a retainer in the amount of \$2,000.00.
3. Based on the time value of the services rendered, Miller Cooper is entitled to receive final compensation in the amount of \$3,298.10 for services rendered on behalf of the Trustee.
4. Other than is permitted under Section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code, Miller Cooper has no agreement with any other person or firm with regard to its compensation in this case.

5. At all times relevant hereto, Miller Cooper provided accounting services in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

6. Miller Cooper expended 10.80 hours of services assisting the Trustee in the preparation of final federal and state tax income returns for the year ending December 31, 2016. A statement of services rendered for this task is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The individuals involved in this activity and the time expended by them are as follows:

Accountant	Hours Expended	Hourly Rate	Total
Joel Polakow	5.10 hrs.	\$440.00/hr.	2,244.00
Alison Kafkes	.10 hrs.	\$278.00/hr.	27.80
Michael Silver	5.30 hrs.	\$196.00/hr.	1,038.80
Michelle Lara	.30 hrs.	\$238.00/hr.	71.40
Subtotal:			\$3,382.00
		Less rate discount	<83.90>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10.80 hrs.</b>		<b>\$3,298.10</b>

7. Miller Cooper also expended a total of \$250.00 in out-of-pocket expenses on computer service charges. This expense is also listed on Exhibit "A".

8. The services were rendered in connection with and in furtherance of assisting Trustee in the performance of his duties as delineated by Section 704 of the Bankruptcy Code. This application complies with the standards enunciated in In re: Continental Securities Litigation, 572 F. Supp. 931 (N.D. Ill. 1983) modified 692 F.2d 766 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992).

9. The services rendered by Miller Cooper provided a benefit to Trustee and to the creditors of this estate.

**WHEREFORE**, Trustee respectfully prays that this Court enter an Order as follows:

1. Awarding Miller Cooper final compensation in the amount of \$3,298.10 for services rendered plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$250.00, as a Chapter 7 expense of administration of this estate;
2. Authorizing Miller Cooper to apply the \$2,000.00 retainer it received against the compensation awarded;
3. Authorizing the Trustee to pay Miller Cooper \$1,548.10 representing the balance owing after the application of the retainer; and
3. Granting such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Norman B. Newman  
Norman B. Newman, Trustee for the bankruptcy  
estate of Michael D. Almada

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
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**COVER SHEET FOR APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Name of Applicant: Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd.

Authorized to provide professional services to: Norman B. Newman, Chapter 7 Trustee

Date of Order Authorizing Employment: February 21, 2017

Period for which compensation is sought: 1/5/17 – 5/19/17

Amount of fees sought: \$3,298.10

Amount of expense reimbursement sought: \$250.00

Retainer previously received: \$2,000.00

This is a(n): Interim Application  Final Application   
Prior fee applications:

Date Filed	Period Covered	Total (Fees and Expenses)	Requested	Total Allowed	Any Ordered	Amount Withheld

The aggregate amount of fees and expenses *paid* to the Applicant to date for services rendered and expenses incurred herein is: \$0.00

Dated: 9/14/17

**Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd.**

By: /s/Norman B. Newman